



# Indiana Department of Revenue

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## New State Services Help Hoosiers Pay Taxes, Check Refund Status

Governor Joe Kernan today encouraged Indiana taxpayers to *save time, get faster refunds, and save taxpayer resources* by joining the thousands of Hoosiers who use the state's online tax services.

"We are committed to serving Hoosiers as efficiently and effectively as we can and these services do just that," Kernan said. "Each year, the number of individuals who file online continues to grow because it's a convenient and quick way to pay their taxes and check the status of their refunds."

Three online services, offered through the Department of Revenue's Web site at [www.IN.gov/dor](http://www.IN.gov/dor), will prove useful to Hoosiers this tax season:

- **I-File.** *I-File* is a *free* online service that allows Indiana taxpayers to file any state IT-40, IT-40EZ, IT-40PNR, or IT-40RNR tax form online from any Internet-connected computer, any time of the day or night. This online service uses built-in computer logic to help prevent simple math errors and omissions of essential information. Furthermore, Indiana taxpayers who use *I-File* receive faster refunds because the online service eliminates the need for manual data entry by IDOR. *I-File* has even been enhanced this year so that once a taxpayer enters his/her name and Social Security Number, the online service fills in the rest of their contact information for them. These features make it easier and quicker than ever for taxpayers to complete their taxes using *I-File*.
- **Refund Status.** This brand new online service from IDOR allows Indiana citizens to provide their Social Security Number and expected refund amount to check the status of their refund check.
- **Extension of Time to File Payment (IT-9).** Indiana taxpayers who require extra time to complete their income taxes may now pay estimated taxes online through the *IN-ePay* service and request additional time to complete tax forms.

"*accessIndiana* continues to make it even easier for Hoosiers to go *online* to do business with the state," stated Laura Larimer, chief information officer for the State of Indiana. "We believe the enhancements to the *I-File* service and the new *Refund Status* and *IT-9* services will encourage even more Hoosiers to use the state's online tax services."

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The state's online tax services are more convenient for taxpayers and provide significant savings to the Indiana Department of Revenue in time and paperwork. This ultimately translates into even greater benefit to taxpayers.

"This past tax season the Department of Revenue saved \$2.2 million on individual income tax filings," stated Ken Miller, Indiana Department of Revenue Commissioner, who championed the effort to make Indiana one of the first states to offer online filings in 1999. Miller also noted that the agency's enhanced line-up of electronic tax services, which include *I-File*, 2-D barcodes, electronic federal-state filing, *TeleFile*, the *Refund Check Status* online service, and online tax extensions will result in even greater efficiencies and responsiveness to taxpayers this year.

To join the thousands of Hoosiers who will use the state's online tax services in the coming months to file their 2003 income taxes or check the status of their refund checks, visit [www.IN.gov/dor](http://www.IN.gov/dor).

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